

**WATER****Regulated water companies**

<b>Company</b>	<b>Customers</b>	<b>Nearest city/town</b>
CDS Stoneridge Utilities, LLC	358	Blanchard
Diamond Bar Estates Water Company	46	Rathdrum
Eagle Water Company, Inc.	4,200	Eagle
Falls Water Company, Inc.	5,500	Ammon
Grouse Point Water	24	Kuna
Happy Valley Water System	27	Athol
Island Park Water Company	362	Island Park
Kootenai Heights Water System, Inc.	11	Kootenai
Mayfield Springs Water Company	76	Kuna
Morning View Water Company, Inc.	108	Rigby
Picabo Livestock Company	28	Picabo
Ponderosa Terrace Estates Water System, Inc.	22	Sandpoint
Resort Water Company	422	Sandpoint
Bitterroot Water System, Inc.	158	Coeur d'Alene
Rocky Mountain Utility Company, Inc.	101	Rigby
Schweitzer Basin Water LLC	439	Sandpoint
Spirit Lake East Water Company	301	Coeur d'Alene
Suez Water Idaho Inc.	96,000	Boise
Sunbeam Water Company	22	American Falls
Teton Water and Sewer Company, LLC	285	Driggs
Troy Hoffman Water Corporation	147	Coeur d'Alene

## WATER CASES

### Falls Water acquired by NW Natural Water Company

In July, the Commission approved the sale of Falls Water Company in eastern Idaho to NW Natural Water Company, LLC.

Falls Water serves approximately 5,500 customers in Bonneville County. NW Natural Water is a subsidiary of Oregon-based Northwest Natural Gas Company, which provides natural gas service to more than 730,000 customers in western Oregon and Washington.

The Commission has maintained its regulatory authority of the new company after the transaction, which did not affect customer rates or Falls Water's corporate structure, employees, customer base or service area.

In its order approving the sale, the Commission said it found the transaction to be consistent with the public interest because NW Natural has demonstrated that it can operate the water system and had taken steps to maintain and improve operations.

### Suez requests Commission approval to absorb Eagle Water Company

In late 2018, Suez Water and Eagle Water requested Commission approval of the sale of Eagle Water Company to Suez.

The two sides have entered into an agreement that calls for a purchase price of \$10 million.

The proposal, which requires Commission approval, also calls for rates for Eagle Water's 4,200 customers to be adjusted over a three-year period, "to bring them into rate parity with Suez's existing customers."

No procedural timeline has been established in the case, but more than 100 public comments have been submitted since the application was filed on Nov. 15. All of the comments are in opposition to the proposal.



### Commission initiates investigation into small water company

In late 2017, the Commission authorized an investigation into the regulatory status of VP, Inc., a private water and sewer company in northern Idaho. VP serves the Idaho Club, a residential development and golf course near Sandpoint.

The company has been viewed as part of the development's neighborhood association, making it exempt from regulation by the Commission.

The investigation is intended to determine whether VP is subject to regulation because of changes in its operations related to the 2016 sale of a portion of the development to Valiant Idaho, LLC. Valiant complained to the Commission that VP was charging it excessive rates for water service, and was operating as a for-profit company independent of the neighborhood association.

### Commission approves consolidation of two small water companies

In April, the Commission approved the merger of Rickel Water Company and Bitterroot Water System into a single public entity called Bitterroot Water System Inc.

Rickel Water Company and Bitterroot Water System Inc. served approximately 38 and 116 customers, respectively. They also operated under the same rate structure, were interconnected and shared common ownership.